

Listing and Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A method for marking a copy of an image sequence comprising the steps of:

presenting the image sequence on a screen; and

projecting onto the screen at least one identifier distinct from the image sequence such that the identifier is displayed using visible light along with the presented image sequence and such that the identifier is overlaid over the presented image.

2. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said step of presenting the at least one identifier further comprises the steps of:

measuring an illumination of at least a portion of the image sequence presentation; and

determining a projection brightness for the at least one identifier based upon the measured illumination.

3. (Original) The method according to claim 2, further comprising the step of determining a projection location of the at least one identifier based upon the measured illumination.

4. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said step of presenting the at least one identifier further comprises the steps of:

measuring a color of light associated with at least a portion of the image sequence presentation; and

determining a projection color for the at least one identifier based upon the measured color of light.

5. (Original) The method according to claim 4, further comprising the step of determining a projection location of the at least one identifier based upon the measured color of light.

6. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the at least one identifier is presented at periodic intervals.

7. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the at least one identifier defines at least one parameter selected from the group consisting of a theater location, a date and a time.

8. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the projected at least one identifier represents marking data comprising a forward error correction code.

9. (Original) The method according to claim 8, wherein the marking data represents at least one of a theatre identifier, date and/or time.

10. (Original) The method according to claim 8, wherein the forward error correction code represents an exclusive NOR operation of at least some of the marking data.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the image sequence is a movie.

12. (Currently amended) A system for identifying a copy of an image sequence comprising:

a projector for projecting onto a screen at least one identifier distinct from an image sequence being presented on the screen such that the identifier is displayed using visible light along with the presented image sequence and such that the identifier is overlaid over the presented image.

13. (Original) The system of claim 12 further comprising:
a detector for measuring an illumination of at least a portion of the image sequence presentation; and
a processor for determining a projection brightness for the at least one identifier based upon the measured illumination.

14. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the processor also determines a projection location of the at least one identifier based upon the measured illumination.

15. (Original) The system of claim 12, further comprising:
a detector for measuring a color of light associated with at least a portion of the image sequence presentation; and
a processor for determining a projection color for the at least one identifier based upon the measured color of light.

16. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the processor also determines a projection location of the at least one identifier based upon the measured color of light.

17. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the system is configured to present the at least one identifier at periodic intervals.

18. (Original) The system of claim 12 wherein the at least one identifier defines at least one parameter selected from the group consisting of a theater location, a date and a time.

19. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the projected at least one identifier represents marking data comprising a forward error correction code.

20. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein the marking data represents at least one of a theatre identifier, date and/or time.

21. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein the forward error correction code represents an exclusive NOR operation of at least some of the marking data.

22. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the image sequence is a movie.

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